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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview conducted on 5/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-25, 58-69, 70 and 122 (renumbered to 1-16).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 5/24/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Detailed Action

1. Claims 24-25, 58-69, 70, 95-106, 107-108, 109-118, and 122 are presented for examination. This office action is in response to the interview conducted on 5/24/06.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Adams, Attorney for Applicants (Reg. No. 34,763) May 24, 2006.

4. Application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Cancel claims 95-118.

REASONS for ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: renumbered claims 1-16 are allowable over the prior art of record an update of a search does not detect the combined claimed elements as set forth in the claims 1-16. Specifically, as to claim 1, claim is allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a method for

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compressing uncompressed data in a memory comprises compressing uncompressed data in a memory based on address range, data type, and/or requesting agent, creating a header includes compression mode after determining a compression code for the data, and storing the data and the header in the memory as disclosed in the claim and together with combination of other claimed element as set forth in the claim. As to claim 3, claim is allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a method for compressing uncompressed data in a memory comprises compressing uncompressed data in a memory, creating a header includes overflow indicator whether the compressed data is greater than an allocated memory block size, and storing the compressed data and the header in the memory as disclosed in the claim and together with combination of other claimed element as set forth in the claim. As to claim 15, claim is allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests an apparatus for compressing uncompressed data in a memory comprises a memory controller for compressing and decompressing data in the memory by a compression/decompression engine according to a compression mode, create a header includes compression mode and decompression procedure, and store the data and the header in the memory as disclosed in the claim and together with combination of other claimed element as set forth in the claim. As to claim 16, claim is allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a method for compressing uncompressed data in a memory comprises allocating a memory block according to a predetermined compression ratio, determining if the compressed data fits with in the

allocated memory block, allocating an overflow block in the memory if the compressed data does not fit within the allocated memory block, and storing the data in the memory as disclosed in the claim and together with combination of other claimed element as set forth in the claim.

Also the reasons for allowance of the claims over the prior art of record is believed to be clear from the prosecution records taken as a whole. Therefore, claims 1-16 are allowable over the prior art of records.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons For Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong C Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-4181. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt M Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

9. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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